LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1. (Original) A network scanner apparatus connected to a least one terminal via a network, comprising:

a control portion which controls the network by the use of a transmission control protocol and an Internet protocol;

a readout portion which reads-out a paper to produce an image data signal;

an operation portion which inputs an Internet protocol address as a transmitting destination of the image data signal; and

a transmission portion which directly transmits the image data signal to the terminal having the inputted address.

2. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the operation portion comprises a one-touch button memory portion which stores the Internet protocol address in advance.

3. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the transmission portion transmits the image data signal to the terminal by using a simple mail transfer protocol.

4. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the transmission portion transmits the image data signal to the terminal by using a file transfer protocol.

5. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the terminal comprises any one of a personal computer and a workstation.

1   6. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

2   a plurality of terminals are connected to an Ethernet.

1   7. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

2   the terminals comprises a first terminal and a second terminals, and

3   the first terminal is connected to the second terminal via a router.

1   8. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

2   the image data signal is directly transmitted to the terminal without using a

3   server.

1   9. (Original) A method for transmitting an image data signal from a network scanner

2   apparatus to a least one terminal via a network, comprising the steps of:

3   controlling the network by the use of a transmission control protocol and an

4   Internet protocol;

5   reading-out a paper to produce the image data signal;

6   inputting an Internet protocol address as a transmitting destination of the

7   image data signal; and

8   directly transmitting the image data signal to the terminal having the inputted

9   address.

1   10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the following step

2   of :

3   storing the Internet protocol address in a one touch button memory portion in

4   advance,

5   the Internet protocol address being read-out from the one touch button memory

6   portion by a one-touch operation.

1   11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

2   the image data signal is transmitted to the terminal by using a simple mail

3   transfer protocol.

1   12. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

2   the image data signal is transmitted to the terminal by using a file transfer

3   protocol.

1   13. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

2   the image data signal is directly transmitted to the terminal without using a

3   server.

1   14. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium, storing a program for

2   transmitting an image data signal from a network scanner apparatus to a least one

3   terminal via a network, comprising the steps of:

4   controlling the network by the use of a transmission control protocol and an

5   Internet protocol;

6   reading-out a paper to produce the image data signal;

7   inputting an Internet protocol address as a transmitting destination of the

8   image data signal; and

9   directly transmitting the image data signal to the terminal having the inputted

10   address.

1   15. (Original) A medium as claimed in claim 14, the program further comprising the

2   following step of :

3   storing the Internet protocol address in a one touch button memory portion in

4   advance,

5   the Internet protocol address being read-out from the one touch button memory

6   portion by a one-touch operation.

1   16. (Original) A medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

2   the image data signal is transmitted to the terminal by using a simple mail

3   transfer protocol.

1   17. (Original) A medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

2   the image data signal is transmitted to the terminal by using a file transfer

3   protocol.

1   18. (Original) A program for transmitting an image data signal from a network

2   scanner apparatus to a least one terminal via a network by using a computer,

3   comprising the steps of:

4   controlling the network by the use of a transmission control protocol and an

5   Internet protocol;

6   reading-out a paper to produce the image data signal;

7   inputting an Internet protocol address as a transmitting destination of the

8   image data signal; and

9   directly transmitting the image data signal to the terminal having the inputted

10   address.

1   19. (Original) A program as claimed in claim 18, further comprising the following

2   step of :

3   storing the Internet protocol address in a one touch button memory portion in

4   advance,

5   the Internet protocol address being read-out from the one touch button memory

6   portion by a one-touch operation.

1   20. (Original) A program as claimed in claim 18, wherein:

2   the image data signal is transmitted to the terminal by using a simple mail

3   transfer protocol.

1   21. (Original) A program as claimed in claim 18, wherein:

2   the image data signal is transmitted to the terminal by using a file transfer protocol.